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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PORG EEC LU SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER THORN'S COMMENTS ON BREMEN EC COUNCIL

I TALKED TO PRIME MINISTER THORN AT A LUNCHEON TODAY ABOUT THE BREMEN EC SUMMIT. THORN SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THE BREMEN MEETING HAD GONE REASONABLY WELL. ALTHOUGH NOTHING HAD BEEN DECIDED, AT LEAST SOME SERIOUS WORK WAS SET IN MOTION. HE SUPPORTS THE PROPOSED EC MONETARY SYSTEM, THINKS IT WOULD BE GOOD FOR EUROPE AND FOR EUROPEAN UNIFICATION AND TOLD ME THAT HE HOPED WE WOULD ALSO SUPPORT IT BECAUSE THE "UNITED STATES SHOULD LET THE EUROPEANS DO WHAT IS GOOD FOR THEM." HE SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN CONCERNED THAT THE UNITED STATES MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN CONSULTED AND HAD ASKED SCHMIDT AND GISCARD WHETHER THEY HAD INFORMED THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ABOUT THEIR PROPOSAL BEFORE THE BREMEN MEETING. BOTH REPLIED THAT THEY HAD TALKED TO THE PRESIDENT ON THE TELEPHONE. CONFIDENTIAL.

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SCHMIDT TOLD THORN THAT THE PRESIDENT'S REACTION HAD BEEN FAVORABLE.
THORN DID NOT TAKE TOO SERIOUSLY DUTCH OBJECTIONS TO NOT HAVING BEEN CONSULTED BEFORE BREMEN. SUCH COMPLAINTS WERE USUAL, HE SAID, AND FROM HIS POINT OF VIEW HE FELT THAT HE HAD BEEN ADEQUATELY INFORMED.

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